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Having not included an affidavit verifying that statements contained in the petition for proposed rule making in the below matter, it is included in this comment.

MM Docket No 96-96

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In the matter of:

Amendment of Section 73.202(b) RM-8791

Table of Allotments,  
FM Broadcast Stations.

(Castana, Iowa) Proposed 298A as the communitys first aural  
transmission service

#1 The committee's petition stands as written/Copy Attached.

#2 The committee signing the petition include:

Richard Schlitter, School Principal

Dwight Lamb, Mayor of Onawa

Lou Nell Olson, Housewife and widow of Onawa Councilman

Charlotte Zortman, Housewife with possible ownership

Fran Tramp, Assistant Administrator of Burgess Hospital

Gordon Dahl, One of three Supervisors, Monona County  
(District includes Mapleton)

Wayne Gries, Councilman at Large, City of Onawa

Gene Zortman, myself, Chairman and intended owner of  
station in part.

#3 If channel is allocated to table of amendments, prompt action  
in filing for a construction permit will follow./

#4 I, hereby, swear to the accuracy of matter contained in this  
document. See attached affidavit, Item #5.

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AFFIDAVIT OF ONAWA RADIO COMMITTEE (petition and comment)

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Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1996

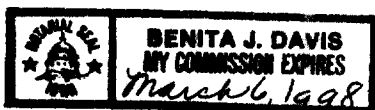
Gene Zortman  
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SUBSCRIBED IN MY PRESENCE AND SWORN BEFORE ME BY THE SAID

This 17<sup>th</sup> day of June 1996

Gene Zortman



Benita J. Davis

Notary in and for Monona County, Iowa

This document prepared by: Gene Zortman, Chairman

Onawa, Radio Committee

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Onawa, Iowa 51040

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We are a group of citizens from Monona County, Iowa dedicated to bringing first FM Radio Service to Monona County and its schools, hospitals, towns and all the people who want and need localized radio programming.

Even though the principal City of Onawa has had assigned to it 272C1A, this channel has been taken up and occupied by outsiders with a 100KW transmitter in Nebraska along with a studio in Sioux City, Iowa. Sioux City is in Woodbury County where there are now 12 radio stations all geared to things that give little, or no service here in Monona County.

Yes, the voice of Onawa has become the twelfth radio station in Sioux City, and rural America has been short-changed one more time. This letter is, in part, to be considered as a protest, formally on that turn of events. We are reserving the right to further informal, or formal action in an endeavor to reclaim the use of channel 272C1A in the community of Onawa.

It was I, Gene Zortman, who originally petitioned for 292A and later gave permission to replace that channel with 272A. Many blatant moves have been made by outside entrepreneurs to yank both 292A and 272C1A from us. What is the most potent thing that they did is to do it over a period of many years without having a public file as the law directs in the license city, Onawa.

I, Gene Zortman, have personally searched the FM spectrum one more time. On page two, see request for Ch. 298A (107.5mhz)

Channel 298A (107.5mhz) is being petitioned for the City of Castana, Iowa in Monona County with information as follows:

The nearest co-channel is Des Moines C2, in excess of 103 miles away. No impediment.

First adjacent, 297C1 (107.3mhz) Lincoln, Nebraska is in excess of 83 miles away. No impediment.

First adjacent, 299C1 (107.7mhz Spencer, Iowa is over 83 miles away. No impediment.

Denison, Iowa, channel 296A (400mhz removed) is in excess of 19 miles away. No impediment.

West Point, Nebraska, 300C1 (400mhz removed) is about 47 miles away from an existing 1648 AMSL tower south and east of Castana where, hopefully, a 6kw - 328 ft. transmission system could be utilized. Not an impediment, but an advantage.

Castana, Iowa lies in almost the exact center of Monona County and is situated to give service to high schools in four different locations, even, with Class A power. We would hope, that in the public interest, The Federal Communications Commission would take immediate and positive action on the requests contained in this document.

There are no outstanding impediments at 600 or 800mhz removed assignments or facilities.

Committee Members as follows: (See page three, attachment)

Names of committee signing FCC Document from Onawa, Iowa on  
March 2, 1996 for intent of preserving FM Radio Service in  
our City and Monona County in general:

Richard Schlotter  
Dwight Lamb  
Lon Nell Olson  
Cherene Zortman  
FRAN TRAMP in ABSENCE by Phone OK  
Lynne Dahl  
Wayne Zortman  
  
Gene Zortman, Chairman

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